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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of the Commission's Rules) WT Docket No. 96-6
To Permit Flexible Service Offerings)
in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services)

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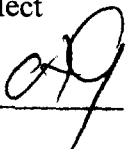
Comments of the Commercial Internet eXchange Association

The Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX") respectfully submits these comments in response to the Commission's January 25, 1996 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 96-17 ("NPRM"). CIX strongly supports the Commission's tentative conclusions to permit CMRS entrants to provide wireless local loop services. CIX also strongly supports allowing wireless entrants to provide a full range of fixed services competitive with the LEC, including the provision of Internet access services. NPRM, at ¶ 22.

CIX is a non-profit organization with a membership of nearly 200 service providers offering access to the Internet for customers in the United States and throughout the world. (A copy of a recent CIX membership list is attached hereto.)¹ As a non-profit organization for the industry, CIX works to facilitate global connectivity among commercial ISPs, and to foster fair and open environments for Internet commercialization and interconnection. CIX provides a forum for the exchange of experiences and ideas to enhance the vitality of the ISP industry. CIX members use various technologies to connect subscribers to the Internet, including traditional business lines, private lines, Frame Relay, ISDN, ATM, and SMDS. In the majority of U.S.

¹ These comments represent the views of CIX as a trade organization and may not reflect the views of the individual members.

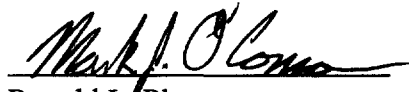
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markets today, the local exchange provider, typically the Bell Operating Company, is the only local access CIX members have to connect end users with the Internet.

CIX welcomes the infusion of competitive local exchange services that wireless providers can offer. Competitors at the local level will increase the available service options and pricing for data users and Internet service providers. Competition from wireless fixed services will also encourage the wireline local exchange carrier to offer better, more diverse access services for data transport. Such competition may also motivate the wireline local exchange companies to deploy and price high-speed data services, such as ISDN, on better terms for the consumer than are generally available today.

Respectfully submitted,
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